

OHRs Information Sheet

Discussing Enrollment in a Clinical or Non-Clinical Trial with Prospective Participants: Keys to Successful Communication

This OHRs Information Sheet provides guidance to investigators on having a successful conversation with prospective participants about enrollment in a Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC) clinical or non-clinical trial. The following information outlines some questions to consider and steps to follow when talking to a patient about the possibility of enrolling in a clinical or non-clinical trial. This information is taken from current National Cancer Institute (NCI) guidance (<http://www.nih.gov/health/clinicaltrials/providers/tips.htm>).

The Sequenced Approach to Successful Communication

When speaking with a potential participant about the possibility of enrolling in a clinical or non-clinical trial at one of the DF/HCC institutions, it is important to follow a sequence of steps in order to promote open-communication and ensure complete understanding for the prospective participant:

